

October 10, 2023

TO: Members of the Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Kate Gallego, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, October 16, 2023 – Immediately following the MAG Information Center Board of Directors (MAGIC) Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time noted above. The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting only, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided via email to members of the committee. Members of the public may view the meeting via a live video stream MAG's [YouTube channel](#).

Those who want to provide public comments for the meeting, written comments relating to this meeting may be submitted online at azmag.gov/comment. Comments must be received at least **two hours prior** to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to members of the committee in advance of the meeting for consideration. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to committee members at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, except for comments specific to an agenda item for that meeting. Please note that comments for specific agenda items received after the deadline will not be forwarded and would need to be resubmitted prior to the next meeting of the committee.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur, and the meeting will end. Member participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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MAG Regional Council Executive Committee TENTATIVE AGENDA October 16, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the Regional Council Executive Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public are asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments must be received at least two hours prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to members of the committee in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to committee members at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, except for comments specific to an agenda item for that meeting. Please note that comments for specific agenda items received after the deadline will not be forwarded and would need to be resubmitted prior to the next meeting of the committee.

Action Requested:
Information.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the Consent Agenda, committee members are requested to review any written/online public comments received for the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

Action Requested:

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT ****3A. Approval of the September 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes****Action Requested:**

Approval.

***3B. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for FY 2024 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call**

The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 MAG Unified Work Program and Annual Budgets, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2023, includes \$500,000 for On-Call Consulting Services for the FY 2024 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on August 2, 2023. 11 proposals were received by the August 30, 2023, deadline. On September 14, 2023, a MAG evaluation team met and recommended MAG approve a list of qualified consultants. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approval of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2024 Transportation Performance On-Call.

***3C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation**

The I-10 Broadway Curve project represents the region's largest freeway reconstruction effort and will improve Interstate 10 between the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 "Split" interchange and Loop 202 (Santan Freeway). This section is one of the busiest in the region, providing critical access to and from major employment centers and Sky Harbor International Airport. To that end, the region invested significant resources in mitigating the impacts of construction. Now that construction is at the midway point, MAG and its partners seek to evaluate the impacts of these various mitigation strategies

to understand their effectiveness; this will help inform future efforts for projects funded through the extension of Proposition 400. This agenda item represents a request to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add the first phase of a new I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approval of an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation totaling \$50,000.

***3D. Amendment to the FY 2024-2025 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to Accept Funding from the City of Surprise for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study**

On May 24, 2023, the MAG Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Biennial Budget, which contained \$650,000 to conduct the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study . The purpose of this study is to assess existing and future travel demands within the study area to develop a program of recommended improvements. Since the approval of the FY 2024-2025 UPWP, early study coordination has been underway with project stakeholders, including the City of Surprise. These discussions have led to a request to expand the scope of the study to include the surrounding arterial system with additional funding provided by Surprise. As a result, this agenda item represents an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 UPWP to accept additional funding of \$45,000 from the City of Surprise for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study. Please refer to enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to accept \$45,000 from the City of Surprise and increase the budget for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. **Legislative Update.**

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

5. **Request for Future Agenda Items**

Topics or issues of interest that the Regional Council Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Information.

6. **Comments from the Committee**

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Action Requested:

Information.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 18, 2023

[Video recording of the meeting](#)

<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY</u>
Buckeye: Mayor Eric Orsborn Chandler: Mayor Kevin Hartke, Vice Chair El Mirage: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo, Treasurer Gilbert: Mayor Brigitte Peterson	Avondale: Mayor Kenneth Weise, Past Chair <u>MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING</u> Mesa: Mayor John Giles Phoenix: Mayor Kate Gallego, Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee (EC) was called to order by Vice Chair Hartke at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of committee members was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Hartke led the committee members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to the Audience

Members of the public were asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting but must be received two hours prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Those comments will be shared in writing and electronically with all members of the Committee and will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

Staff reported receiving four public comments via the website and indicated the comments have been provided to committee members electronically and with a paper printout. They are attached to the minutes. Members of the public also have the option to comment in person. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on items that fall under MAG's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda, or that are on the agenda for discussion and not for action. Staff reported that there had not been any Request to Speak cards received.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Hartke stated agenda items 4A through 4C were on the Consent Agenda and asked if any member had questions or request a presentation regarding any of these items. There were none. He asked if there were any Request to Speak cards for this item. Staff reported there were none. Vice Chair Hartke requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Orsborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hermosillo seconded the motion. Mayor Hartke, Mayor Weise, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Peterson, and Mayor Orsborn voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. Not present: Mayor Gallego and Mayor Giles.

*4A. Approval of the June 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the June 20, 2023, meeting minutes.

*4B. Amend the MAG Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Include Funding Supporting Regional Coordination of Rio Reimagined

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2024-FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to accept an additional \$80,000 in funding to support MAG's role in regional coordination of Rio Reimagined and the ambassador.

Between January and June 2023, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved amendments to the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to include \$200,000 in local and federal funding to support MAG's role in regional coordination of Rio Reimagined. This includes serving as the fiscal agent for the project and hosting a temporary contracted position to serve as the ambassador liaison connecting local projects to federal resources. On August 31, 2023, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed an additional grant in the amount of \$80,000 to support Rio Reimagined. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve another amendment to accept this additional \$80,000 grant to support MAG's role in regional coordination of Rio Reimagined and the ambassador. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Consultant Selection for FY 2024 State Route 74 Corridor Transportation Study

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, recommended approval of HDR Engineering, Inc. to conduct the FY 2024 State Route 74 Corridor Transportation Study for an amount not to exceed \$350,000. If negotiations with HDR Engineering, Inc. are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, WSP USA, Inc.

On November 30, 2022, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget to include a new State Route 74 Corridor Study for \$350,000 funded through a state appropriation. The goal of the study is to provide a coordinated vision of a transportation corridor across jurisdictions, recommendations that enhance the mobility and accessibility of people and goods within the study corridor in reflection of existing and future development plans, and to identify necessary infrastructure improvements at the Interstate 17, US Route 60 interchanges, and Lake Pleasant Parkway intersection. MAG received proposals from five consultants prior to the August 9, 2023, submission deadline. On August 28, 2023, the evaluation team met and recommended the selection of HDR Engineering, Inc. Additionally the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with HDR, Inc. are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring consultant, WSP USA, Inc. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Proposed Sunset of the MAG Economic Development Committee

Vice Chair Hartke asked Ed Zuercher, MAG Executive Director, to introduce this item. Mr. Zuercher stated that the Economic Development Committee (EDC) was formed in 2010 by the Regional Council with a two-year sunset. In 2012, the Regional Council renewed the EDC indefinitely. He indicated the economic conditions created during the downturn of 2008 and the cascading effects that hit Arizona 2010 through 2013 included high employment, a drop in sales tax revenue for Proposition 400 and the state's relations with Mexico being at a low ebb. The Regional Council created the EDC as a way to enhance regional cooperation to lift the region out of crisis mode by sharing data that MAG collects about economic conditions and informing its work as a planning agency and council of governments.

He introduced Sapna Gupta to present on the change in economic conditions since the EDC was formed in 2010. Ms. Gupta noted that the Regional Council formed the EDC in 2010 during the Great Recession, with the intent to inform MAG elected officials on economic conditions, open dialogue with regional economic stakeholders to grow a more resilient regional economy and to lessen the impacts of future economic downturns.

Another goal was to maintain strong economic ties with Sonoran and Mexican counterparts.

Ms. Gupta presented slides that showed how the conditions that necessitated the 2010 creation of the EDC have improved remarkably. The number of distressed properties decreased from a high of over 63,000 in 2010 to 2,166 in 2023. The residential sector added over 346,000 units since 2010. Employment and the regional economy in 2023 are much more diversified, with large gains in the manufacturing, services and healthcare sectors. The healthcare sector is now the largest employer in the region, surpassing retail. The region has one of the fastest-growing population in the country and the gross domestic product has grown more than 70 percent since 2010. She indicated Pinal County's gross domestic product growth is even higher than the region as a whole, at 81 percent.

She mentioned the largest foreign direct investment from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company of \$40 billion has led to investments from a whole ecosystem of suppliers. Global names in automated and electric vehicles, data centers, battery and energy storage, medical technology and other advanced manufacturing sectors have chosen the region for major investments. These wins have catapulted the region's national stature in advanced manufacturing. The region has bounced back from the COVID 2020 pandemic-induced slump and economic indicators place the region level with or outperforming the national economy. Regional economic development indicators unavailable in 2010 are now accessible online on the MAG website from anywhere around the world. MAG and its member agencies have built institutional knowledge in the area of economic development and transportation funding. Relations with Mexico and Sonora are stronger than ever, as demonstrated by the success of the 10th Annual Ari-Son Council Meeting during the Arizona League of Cities and Towns' Annual Conference in Tucson, during which several members of the Regional Council Executive Committee spoke alongside Sonoran elected officials.

Ms. Gupta indicated that since 2010, coordination and collaboration between economic development organizations, towns, cities and business organizations has become the norm and that MAG will continue to carefully consider economic opportunities while planning for transportation, infrastructure, human services, environmental issues and other agency activities. She concluded her presentation by indicating there's a lot to celebrate and the framework and the institutions to continue this work are firmly in place. MAG staff looks forward to elevating future economic development conversations as warranted to the Regional Council and to the Management Committee.

Vice Chair Hartke and Mayor Weise expressed appreciation for the EDC and the work the committee has done over the years and indicated that other agencies have gotten more

involved with economic development. Vice Chair Hartke requested a motion to recommend approval of the sunset of the MAG EDC after its October 3, 2023, meeting. Mayor Hermosillo made the motion and Mayor Peterson seconded. Mayor Hartke, Mayor Weise, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Peterson, and Mayor Orsborn voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. Not present: Mayor Gallego and Mayor Giles.

6. Possible Executive Session for Legal Consultation

The Regional Council Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session for discussion or consultation with its attorneys regarding potential legal options and claims as authorized by A.R.S. § 38- 431.03(A)(2), (A)(3) and (A)(4).

Vice Chair Hartke requested a motion to enter into executive session. Mayor Weise made the motion and Mayor Peterson seconded it. Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Orsborn, Mayor Peterson and Mayor Weise voted in favor of the motion.

The committee entered executive session at 12:26 p.m. and the executive session ended at 1:14 p.m.

7. Legislative Update

Mr. Zuercher indicated that MAG's lobbying contract with Policy AZ, a lobbying firm run by John McDonald and Dana Paschke, is expiring at the end of September and that they would not be re-bidding for the contract. MAG has issued a request for proposal for lobbying services that is due by the middle of October, with a selection to be hopefully presented to the Regional Council Executive Committee in November. Mr. Zuercher added a reminder that MAG's procurement policy has a transparency clause prohibiting firms from reaching out to members of the Regional Council Executive Committee directly to lobby for the contract while the solicitation for bids is open.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Hartke asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. Mayor Weise said he was approached by First Thing First, a statewide organization that gets its funding through the state tobacco tax. He clarified his daughter works for the organization but the request came from a superior to give an update to mayors about their funding and where the money goes. Vice Chair Hartke indicated that Mr. Zuercher and Mayor Gallego could have a conversation about this request.

9. Comments from the Committee

Vice Chair Hartke asked if there were any comments from the committee. There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hartke adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Regional Council Executive Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT

Comments Received From: June 20, 2023 **to** September 18, 2023

Date Received: 6/20/2023 3:39:04 PM
Name: Elizabeth Cluff
City/State: Gold Canyon AZ
Comment: MAG wants public comment for their policies but also are trying to shut down the ability for citizens to submit online comment! Obstructing public comment is to manipulate federal dollars against the people. I want my voice heard and cannot always get to the meetings downtown.

Date Received: 8/21/2023 8:38:05 PM
Name: Judith Wilson
City/State: Tucson AZ
Comment: I am demanding that you take Agenda 5H off the consent agenda and say NO to climate action plans! Thank you! Respectfully Judith Wilson

Date Received: 8/22/2023 10:15:42 AM

Name: Jeff Franklin

City/State:

Comment: WEF 2050 and The EPA's standards are absurd, illogical and out of touch with data and reality. During COVID when driving was almost non-existent, our ozone concentration still went up. Furthermore, even MAG stated, if we took 4,000,000 automobiles off of our roads, we still cannot reach these standards. Finally, the primary sources of O₂ in Arizona are from naturally occurring events or from emissions produced outside of our county, most notably China. We must abandon all sanctions that are based on unworkable standards. Secondly, we must hold legislative hearings on MAG's recommendations to the EPA. Finally, prevent unilateral action to adopt punitive ozone control measures that will cost billions, devastate employers and destroy our quality of live.
SAY NO TO EPA OVERREACH! Arizona has been making great strides to improve the environment so let's stay on track with realistic goals instead of Radical ideologies that have catastrophic economic, psychological, social and physical well-being repercussions!

Date Received: 8/22/2023 7:16:13 PM

Name: Priscila Ruedas

City/State: Yuma AZ

Comment: I urge you to approve an amendment to the MAG Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to accept \$1M in funding from the USEPA for MAG to serve as the lead planning organization for the Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler metropolitan statistical area for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Report Parameters

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Executive Committee INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 3B

DATE

October 10, 2023

SUBJECT

On-Call Consulting Services Selection for FY 2024
MAG Transportation Performance On-Call

CONTACT

Ted Brown, Transportation Performance Program
Manager, (602) 254-6300

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 MAG Unified Work Program and Annual Budgets, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023, includes \$500,000 for On-Call Consulting Services for the FY 2024 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call. The intent of the On-Call Consultant Services Program is to enable MAG staff to augment existing resources by forming a pool of qualified consultants to provide specialized services that are required for executing tasks and projects.

A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on August 2, 2023. 11 proposals were received by the deadline of August 30, 2023. On September 14, 2023, the evaluation team met and recommends the following consultants be pre-qualified for the FY 2024 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call:

Area of Expertise A (Transportation Planning): Avenue Consultants, Burgess & Niple, Inc., Cambridge Systematics, Inc., D.R. McNatty & Associates, Inc., High Street Consulting Group, Iteris, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Works Consulting LLC, WSP USA, Inc.

Area of Expertise B (Technological and Design Support): Avenue Consultants, Burgess & Niple, Inc., Cambridge Systematics, Inc., D.R. McNatty & Associates, Inc., High Street Consulting Group, Iteris, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Sanborn Map Company, Inc., Works Consulting LLC, WSP USA, Inc.

Area of Expertise C (Transportation Data, Data Collection, Management, and Analysis): Avenue Consultants, Burgess & Niple, Inc., Cambridge Systematics, Inc., D.R. McNatty & Associates, Inc., Ecopia Tech Corporation, High Street Consulting Group, Iteris, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Sanborn Map Company, Inc., Works Consulting LLC, WSP USA, Inc.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: On-Call Consultant Services programs enable MAG to deliver information, data, and projects within a relatively short timeframe. The On-Call nature of the program affords the opportunity to engage a qualified consultant in a matter of weeks with a task order versus a considerably longer conventional procurement process that is followed for larger projects.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: The added capabilities of this on-call ensure that MAG is able to quickly and efficiently move forward the initiatives of the overall Transportation Performance Program. Data received from the task orders will be used in current and future projects. This on-call will be implemented in a manner that is consistent with others that are presently being administered at MAG.

POLICY: This amendment and administrative modification request is in accord with MAG guidelines.

ACTION NEEDED

Approval of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2024 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

This item is on the October 11, 2023, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation of approval.

On September 14, 2023, the evaluation team reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and recommended MAG approval of the proposed list of qualified consultants.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Justice Berumen, MAG Kay Bork, MAG Edward Brown, MAG	Chris Gottsacker, MAG Brian Rubin, MAG
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Executive Committee

INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 3C

DATE

October 16, 2023

SUBJECT

Amendment to the MAG Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation

CONTACT

Quinn Quihui Castro, Transportation Engineer,
(602) 254-6300



SUMMARY

The I-10 Broadway Curve project represents the region's largest freeway reconstruction effort and will improve Interstate 10 between the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 "Split" interchange and Loop 202 (Santan Freeway). This section is one of the busiest in the region, providing critical access to and from major employment centers and Sky Harbor International Airport. To that end, the region invested significant resources in mitigating the impacts of construction. Now that construction is at the midway point, MAG and its partners seek to evaluate the impacts of these various mitigation strategies to understand their effectiveness; this will help inform future efforts for projects funded through the extension of Proposition 400. This agenda item represents a request to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add the first phase of a new I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation project.

Background

Prior to the start of construction of the I-10 Broadway Curve project, a risk assessment workshop for the project was held in August 2019. Attendees included staff from MAG, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), ADOT's general engineering consultant, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, and Chandler. The results of this workshop indicated that the highest risks to the project are items categorized as "user experience". These include events that have a direct impact on the experience of drivers as well as the public's expectations for construction, such as business access along the corridor and driver tolerance to congestion. As a result of the risk workshop, MAG worked in close partnership with ADOT to develop strategies to mitigate construction impacts.

On December 4, 2019, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the Freeway Life Cycle Program (FLCP) to program \$1.5 million for construction mitigation strategies related to the I-10 Broadway Curve Improvements project. After one year of data collection, analysis, infrastructure inventory, and coordination, a comprehensive strategy was identified. On January 27, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved a total of \$6.535 million from the FLCP to implement the identified mitigation strategies, which focused on surrounding arterial roadway system improvements, coordination with employers, and communication efforts to help manage congestion.

Proposed Construction Mitigation Evaluation Project

Construction of the I-10 Broadway Curve project is roughly halfway complete; it began in 2021 and is expected to be completed in mid-2024. Given the significant investment that was made, MAG, along with its partners at ADOT and FHWA, want to evaluate the impacts of the various mitigation strategies to understand their effectiveness. The results of this evaluation will ultimately help inform future efforts for projects funded as part of the extension of Proposition 400, such as reconstruction of I-17 between the Loop 101 (Agua Fria) and the I-10/I-17 "Split" interchange and improvements to I-10 between the Deck Park Tunnel and the I-10/I-17 "Split" interchange.

The evaluation will be conducted by Volpe National Transportation Systems Center. The project will occur in several phases. This agenda item represents a request to amend the UPWP and biennial budget to include the project's first phase, which will establish a

framework and specific strategies to evaluate the mitigation measures. A separate amendment request will be taken in the future to include funding for later phases.

Funding Summary

The requested UPWP amendment totals \$50,000. Funding will come from the remaining balance of the \$1.5 million that had previously been approved by the MAG Regional Council on December 4, 2019. Following this request, approximately \$430,000 will be available.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: The I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation project will provide a comprehensive assessment of mitigation efforts and develop a toolkit of methods and strategies for use with future freeway construction projects.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: The I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation will be a multiphase effort. This first phase will include developing an evaluation plan and conducting a quantitative assessment of the impacts the construction mitigation strategies have had on traffic congestion and will assess the public outreach strategies that were deployed.

POLICY: The evaluation of the construction mitigation strategies will help inform the region's approach to future freeway projects funded through the extension of Proposition 400.

ACTION NEEDED

Approval of an amendment to the MAG Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation totaling \$50,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

This item is on the October 11, 2023, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation of approval.

On December 4, 2019, MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the Freeway Life Cycle Program to program \$1.5 million for transportation Demand management (TDM) strategies related to the I-10 Broadway Curve project.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tempe: Mayor Mark Mitchell, Chair Glendale: Mayor Jerry Weiers, Vice Chair #Apache Junction: Councilmember Robin Barker *Avondale: Mayor Kenneth Weise *Buckeye: Mayor Jackie Meck Carefree: Mayor Les Peterson Cave Creek: Councilmember David L. Smith Chandler: Mayor Kevin Hartke El Mirage: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo *Florence: Mayor Tara Walter Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation: President Bernadine Burnette Fountain Hills: Mayor Ginny Dickey Gila Bend: Mayor Tommy Lee Sikes *Gila River Indian Community: Governor Stephen Roe Lewis Gilbert: Vice Mayor Eddie Cook as proxy for Mayor Jenn Daniels Goodyear: Mayor Georgia Lord	*City of Maricopa: Mayor Christian Price *Maricopa County: Supervisor Steve Chucri *Mesa: Mayor John Giles *Paradise Valley: Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner Peoria: Mayor Cathy Carlat Phoenix: Mayor Kate Gallego *Pinal County: Supervisor Todd House Queen Creek: Mayor Gail Barney *Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: President Martin Havier *Scottsdale: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane Surprise: Mayor Skip Hall *Tolleson: Mayor Anna Tovar #Wickenburg: Mayor Rui Pereira #Youngtown: Mayor Michael LeVault State Transportation Board: Mr. Sam Elters
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#Guadalupe: Mayor Valerie Molina Litchfield Park: Mayor Thomas Schoaf	*State Transportation Board: Mr. Jack Sellers
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* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

Executive Committee

INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 3D



DATE

October 10, 2023

SUBJECT

Amendment to the FY 2024-2025 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to Accept Funding from the City of Surprise for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study

CONTACT

Bradlee Williams, Transportation Engineer, (602) 254-6300

SUMMARY

On May 24, 2023, the MAG Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Biennial Budget, which contained \$650,000 to conduct the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study. The purpose of this study is to assess existing and future travel demands within the study area to develop a program of recommended improvements. Since the approval of the FY 2024-2025 UPWP, early study coordination has been underway with project stakeholders, including the City of Surprise. These discussions have led to a request to expand the scope of the study to include the surrounding arterial system with additional funding provided by Surprise. As a result, this agenda item represents an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 UPWP to accept additional funding of \$45,000 from the City of Surprise for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study.

On September 7, 2023, MAG staff met with representatives from the City of Surprise to discuss a preliminary draft scope. During that meeting, Surprise city staff indicated that in order to fully understand the travel demand needs of the area, the study area should enhance the analysis of the surrounding arterial network. This will allow for the assessment of improvements needed to US 60 (Grand Avenue) over time to be integrated with a similar assessment of improvements needed to the surrounding arterial streets. Accordingly, MAG and Surprise have agreed that the local contribution of \$45,000 will include the following activities:

1. Expand study area and increase arterial street analysis.
2. Addition of intersection analysis on arterial streets.
3. Establishing right of way protection areas on the arterials.

The City of Surprise has identified funding sources and set aside their contribution amount of \$45,000 to commit to the total study budget. Following the approval of this amendment, the study will be advertised this fall for an amount not to exceed \$695,000.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: Enhancing the integration of planning for US 60 (Grand Avenue) with the planning of the surrounding arterial streets will help to ensure optimal cost effectiveness of both systems as improvements are implemented over the next 25 years.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: The additional funding will be used for analysis of streets, intersections, and Right of Way protection areas within the surrounding arterial network.

POLICY: The study findings will help develop a program of recommended improvements along the corridor.

ACTION NEEDED

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to accept \$45,000 from the City of Surprise and increase the budget for the US 60 (Grand Avenue): Loop 303 (Estrella) to SR 74 Corridor Study.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

None.